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WELCOME TO THE
PLANET *MOBIUS*--
A WORLD *UNIQUE*
AND *BEYOND* WHAT
YOU KNOW FROM
THE *SEGA GAMES*--
WHERE *SONIC* AND
THE HEROIC
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
WORK TO SAVE THE
WORLD FROM THE
FORCES OF *EVIL*!

CHANGING TEMPO

WOULD
YOU
RELAX?

WE'RE
HERE TO
HAVE SOME
FUN!

UH
HUH...



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SONIC, GEOFFREY BETRAYED US AND SHOT YOU IN THE BACK!*

RELAXATION HAS BEEN DIFFICULT LATELY.

EH, DETAILS. SAL, YOU ARE COMING TO THIS CONCERT... AND YOU'RE GONNA LIKE IT.

*SEE LAST ISSUE!



EVEN IF MINA ISN'T YOUR FAVORITE.

WHAT?! I GOT BOTH HER ALBUMS AT LAUNCH. WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?

'CAUSE WHEN MINA FIRST STARTED GETTING BIG...

...PRETTY MUCH ANY TIME I BROUGHT HER UP, YOU GOT ALL QUIET AND STUFF.



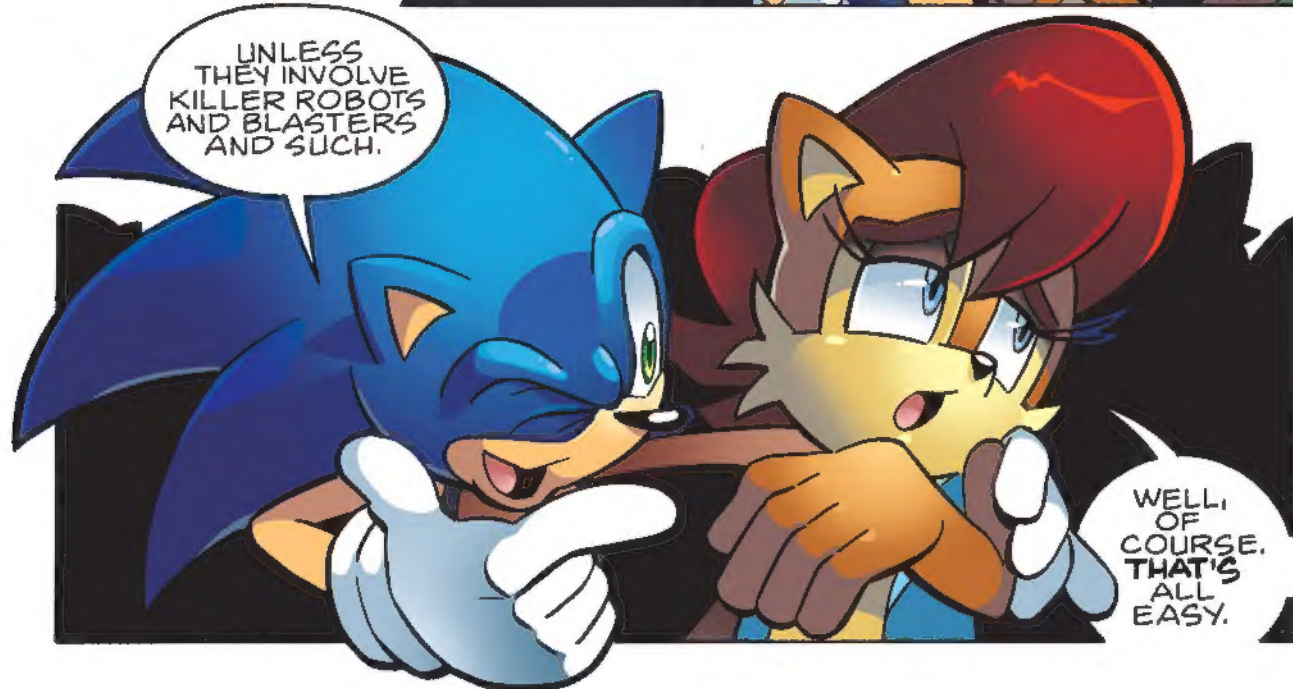
OH, THAT, I... I THOUGHT SHE WAS TRYING TO DATE YOU, AND I WAS JEALOUS.

YOU...WAIT, WHAT?

SO ALL THAT AWKWARDNESS AND TIME APART...

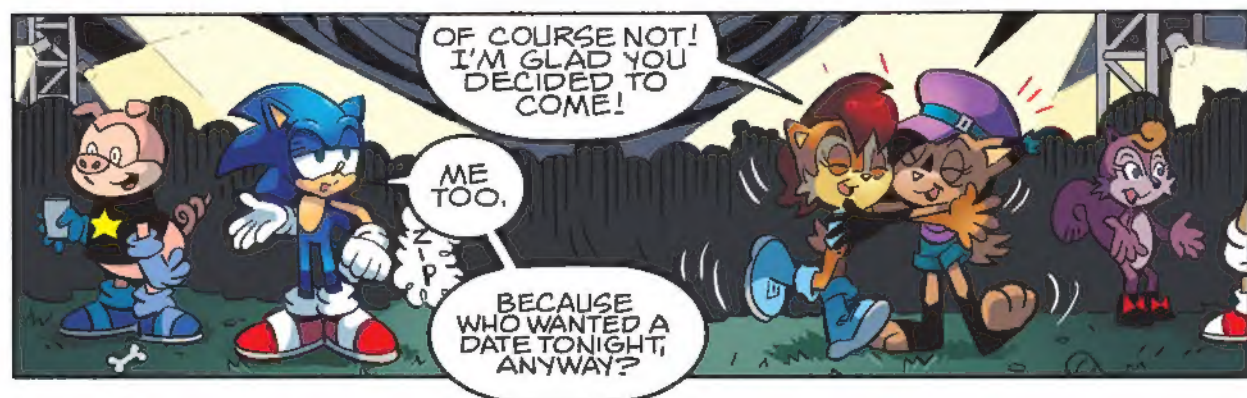
SEE, SAL, THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD DO THIS "TALKING" THING MORE. WE COULD'VE SAVED OURSELVES A LOT OF ANGST.

I KNOW, I KNOW. I DON'T HANDLE CONFRONTATIONS WELL.

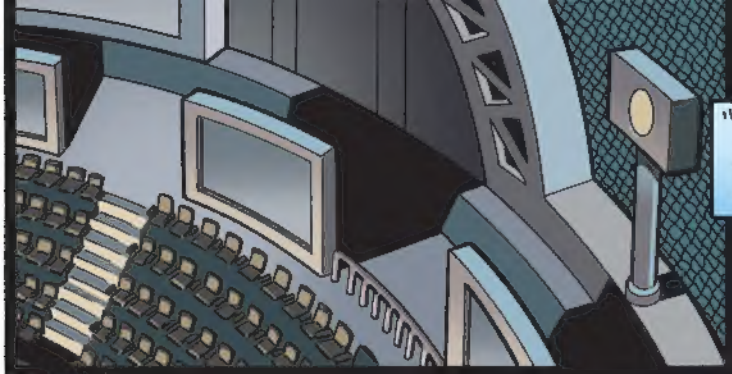


UNLESS THEY INVOLVE KILLER ROBOTS AND BLASTERS AND SUCH.

WELL, OF COURSE. THAT'S ALL EASY.





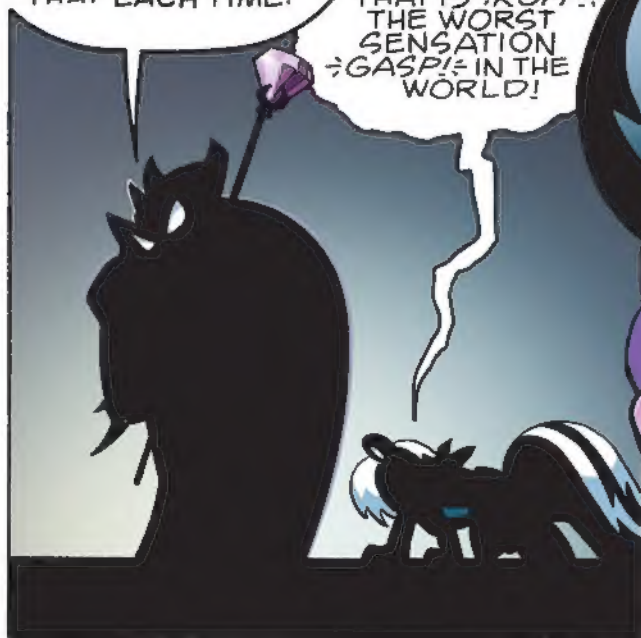


"...OR WHAT
HAPPENED
TO GEOFFREY
ST. JERK."



÷GASP!÷

THE STEALTH OF
SHADOW-MELDING
IS MOOT IF YOU
CARRY ON LIKE
THAT EACH TIME.



÷HACK!÷
THAT IS ÷KOFF!÷
THE WORST
SENSATION
÷GASP!÷ IN THE
WORLD!



AND BEFORE
YOU EVEN
START,
REMEMBER--

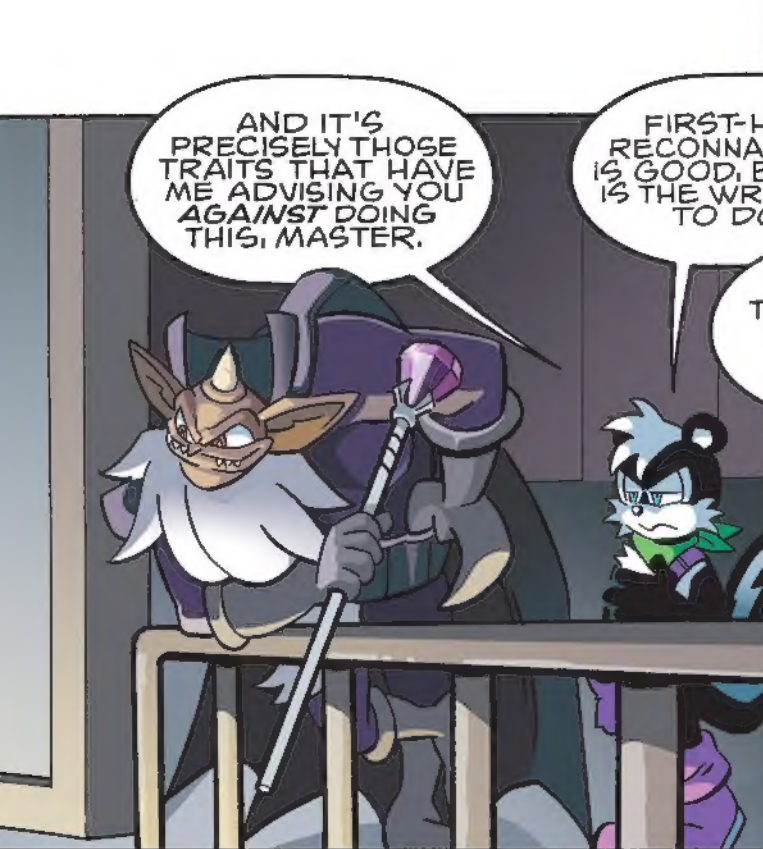
--YOU DIDN'T
STICK AROUND
TO TEACH
ME MORE THAN
THE BASICS.



MY MAGIC
MAY BE SUB-
PAR, BUT IT'S
MY SKILLS
AND EXPER-
IENCE...



...YOU'LL
NEED TO
GET THIS
KINGDOM
BACK.



AND IT'S
PRECISELY THOSE
TRAITS THAT HAVE
ME ADVISING YOU
AGAINST DOING
THIS, MASTER.

FIRST-HAND
RECONNAISSANCE
IS GOOD, BUT THIS
IS THE WRONG WAY
TO DO IT.

THERE'S
TOO HIGH A
RISK OF
BEING
SEEN...



...AND MY PLAN
DOESN'T WORK
WITHOUT THE
ELEMENT OF
SURPRISE.



DO NOT
LECTURE
ME, BOY.

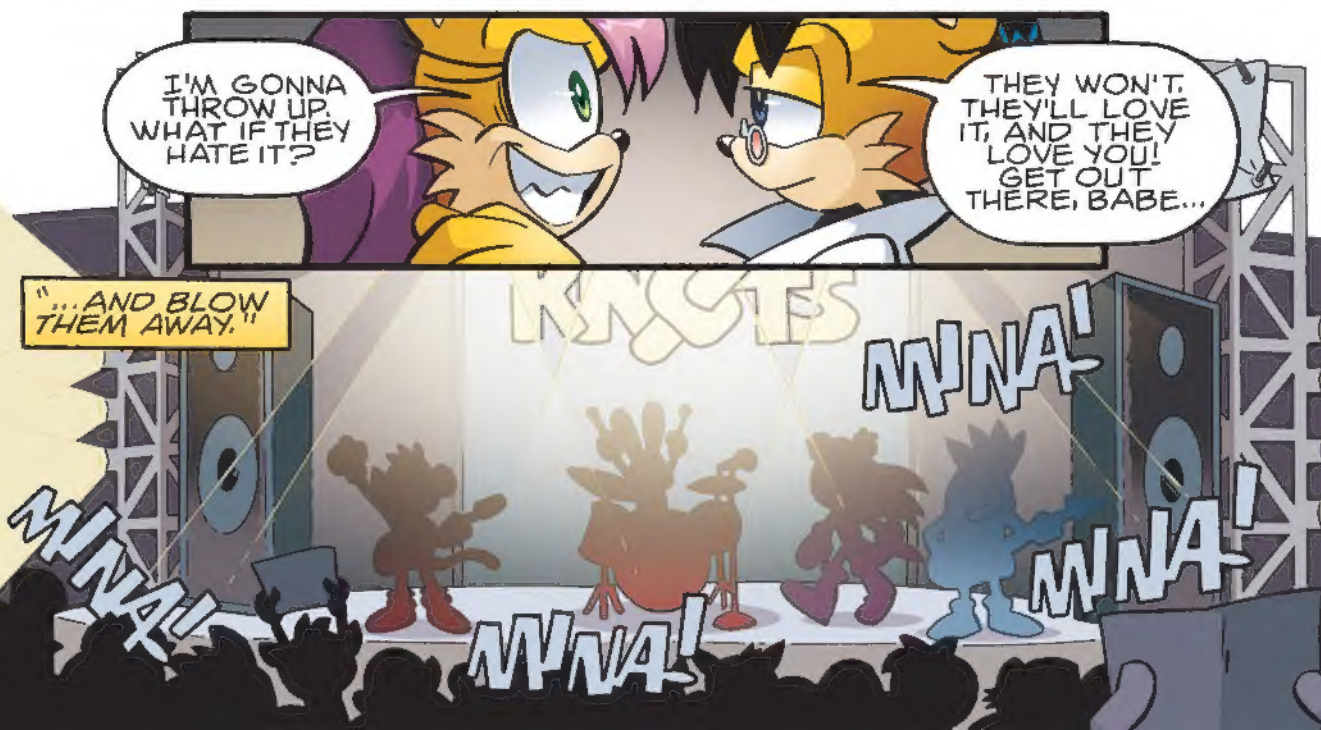
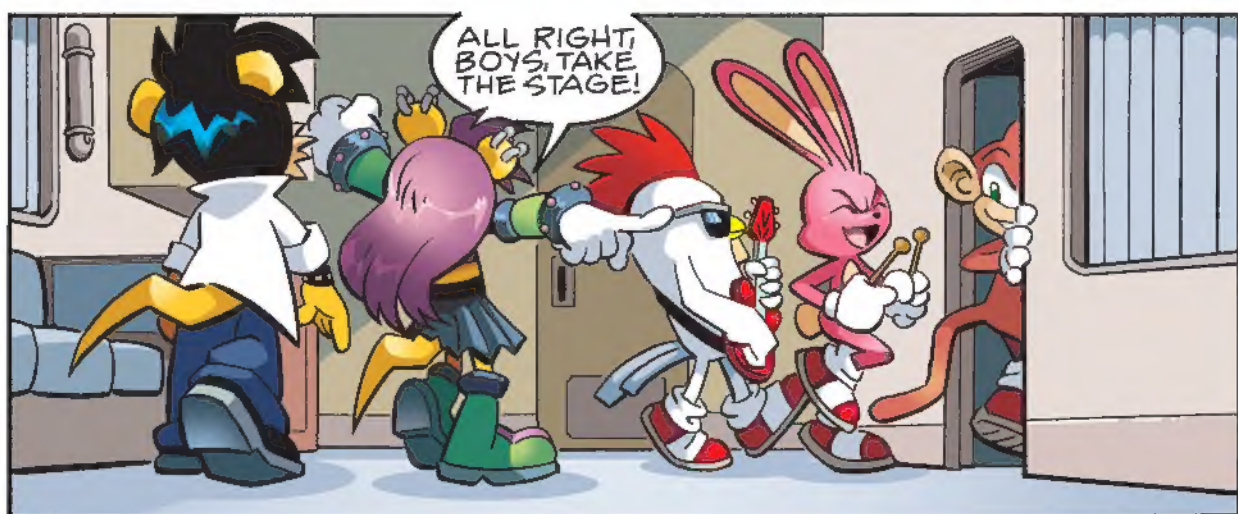
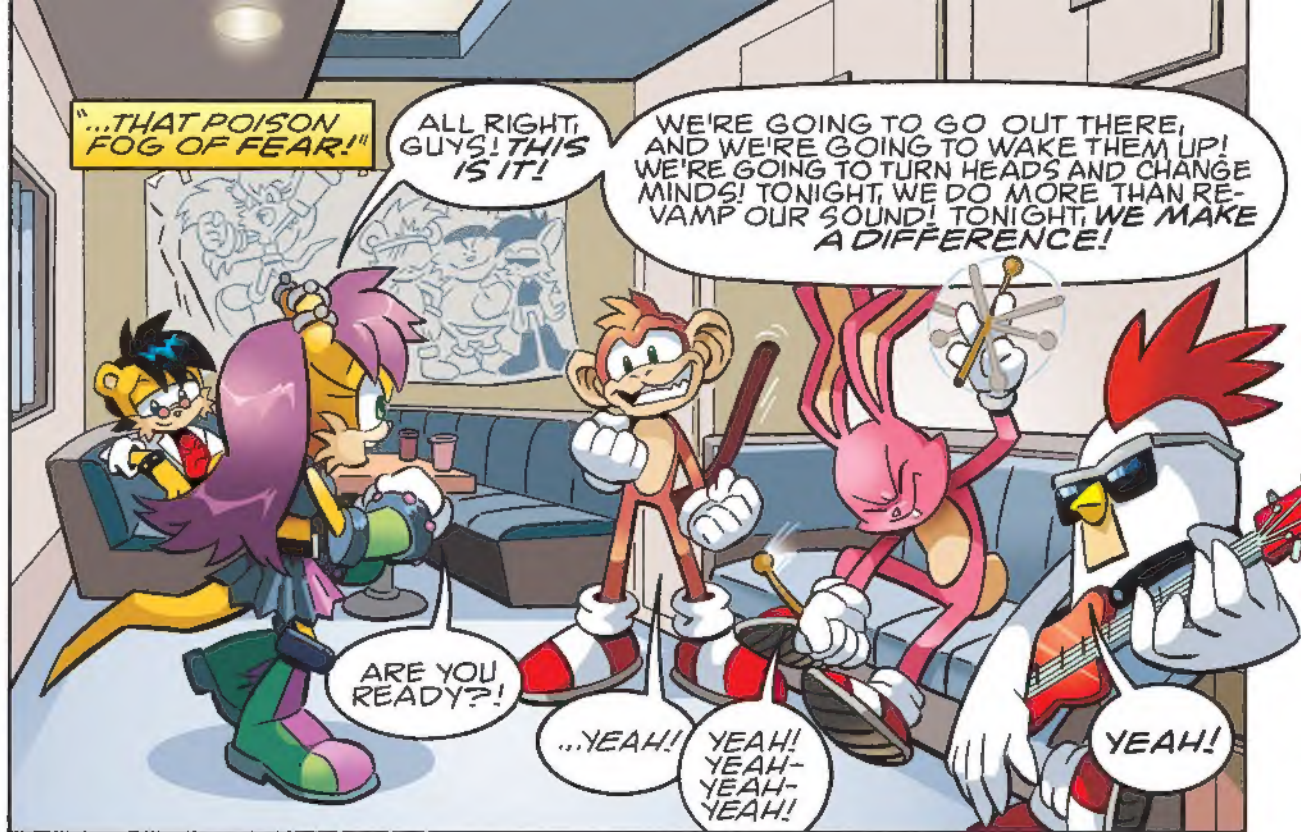
ER...NOT MY
INTENTION, SIR.
BUT THE PLAN...




IT IS A GOOD
PLAN, BUT IT
NEEDS MORE.
WHAT WE
NEED IS HERE
TONIGHT. CAN
YOU NOT
FEEL IT IN
THE AIR?

FEEL
WHAT,
SIR?

THE FEAR,
GEOFFREY...







I LIE AWAKE--!
IN MY BED--!
JUST CAN'T SLEEP--!
FULL OF DREAD--

WILL THE
NIGHTMARES
COME FOR ME
THIIIIIS TIME?

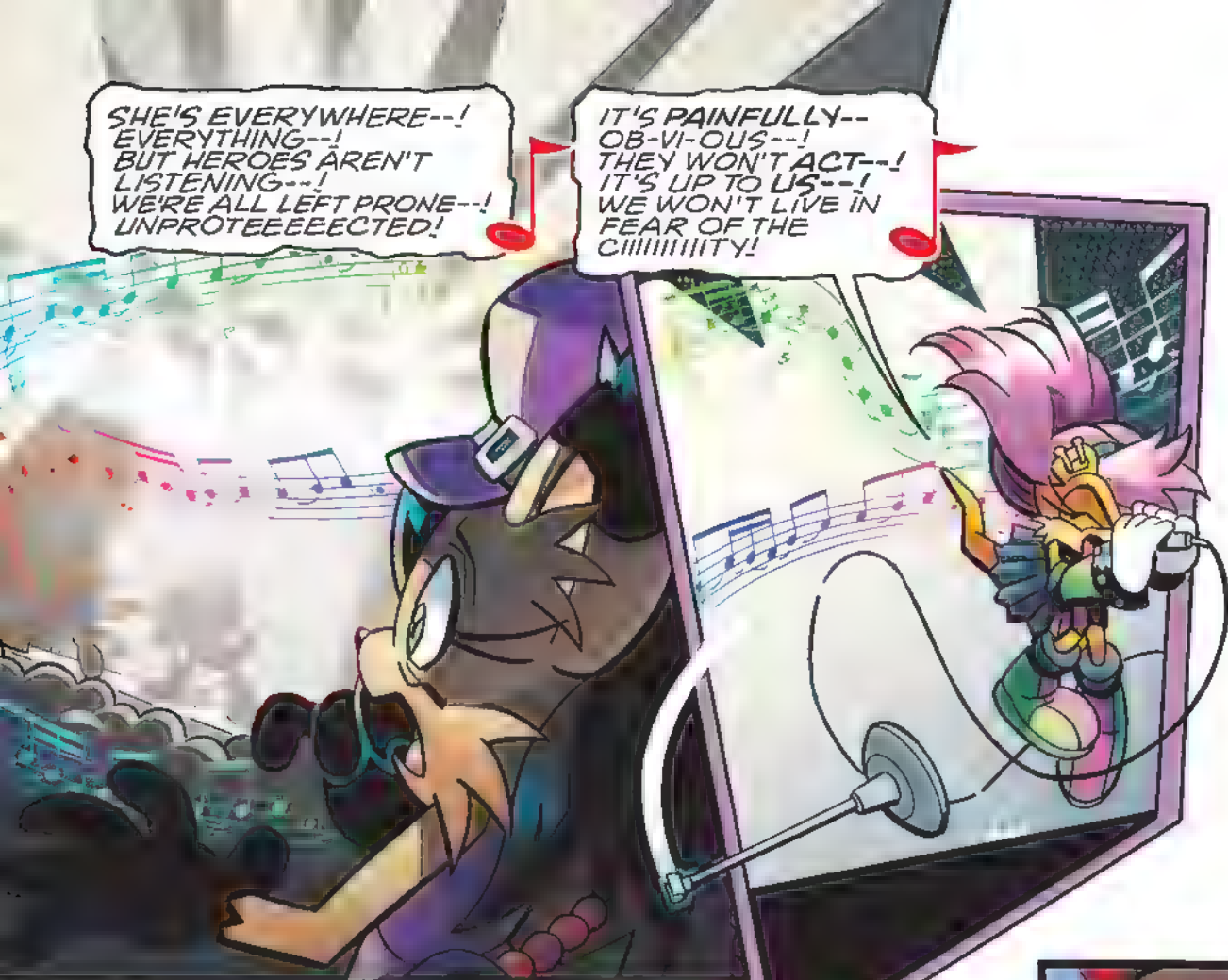
IN THE DAY--!
IN THE NIGHT--!
NEVER KNOWING--!
FULL OF FRIGHT--!
WHY WON'T ANYONE
LIIIIIIIIIIIISTEN?

I CAN'T ALWAYS BE
JUMPING AT
SHAAAAAAAAAADOWS!
I CAN'T ALWAYS BE
RUNNING
AWAAAAAAAAY!

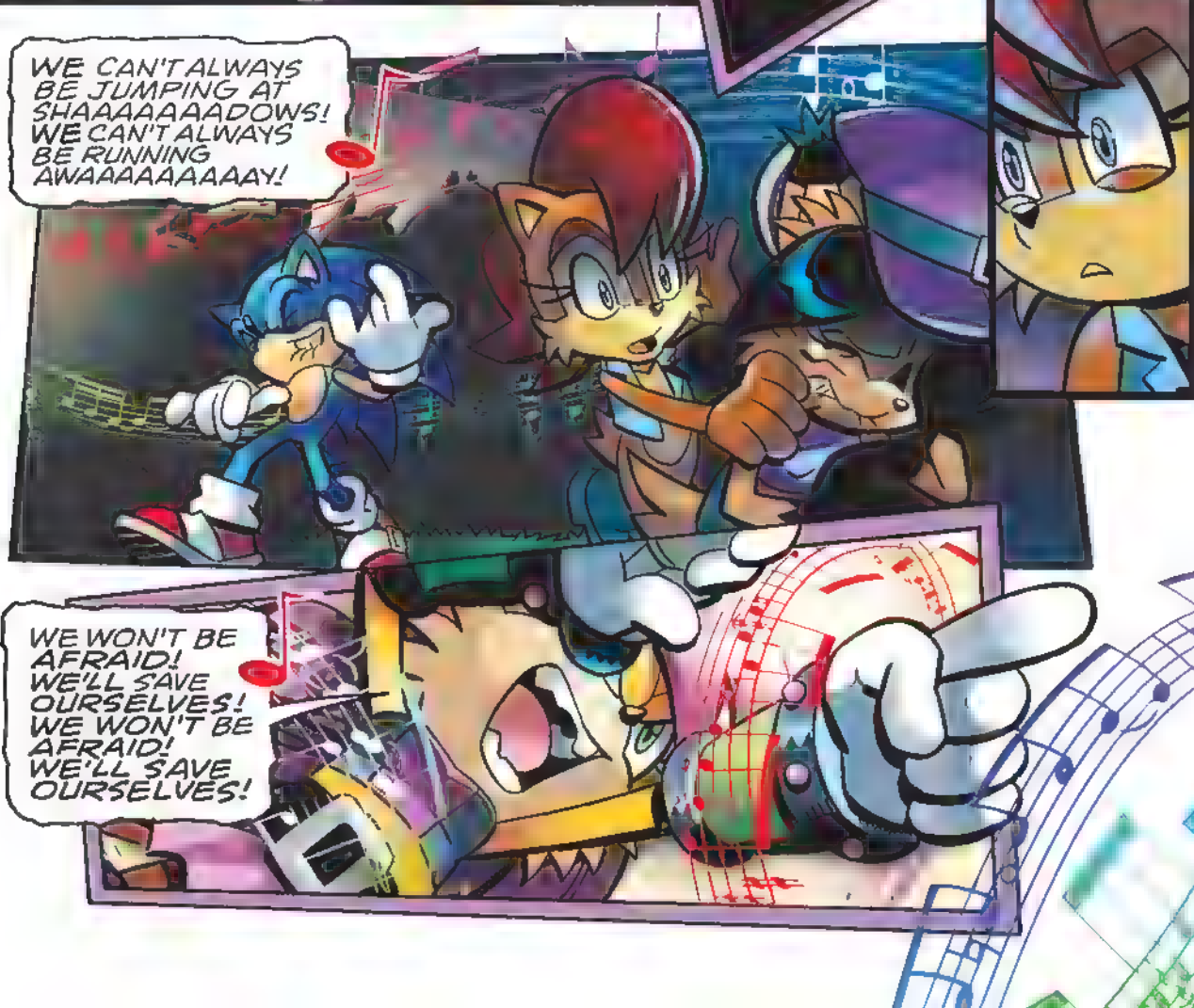
I WON'T BE AFRAID!
I'LL SAVE MYSELF!
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I'LL SAVE MYSELF!

SHE'S EVERYWHERE---!
EVERYTHING---!
BUT HEROES AREN'T
LISTENING---!
WE'RE ALL LEFT PRONE---!
UNPROTEEEEEECTED!

IT'S PAINFULLY--
OB-VI-OUS---!
THEY WON'T ACT--!
IT'S UP TO US---!
WE WON'T LIVE IN
FEAR OF THE
CIIIIIIITY!



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SHAAAAAAADOWS!
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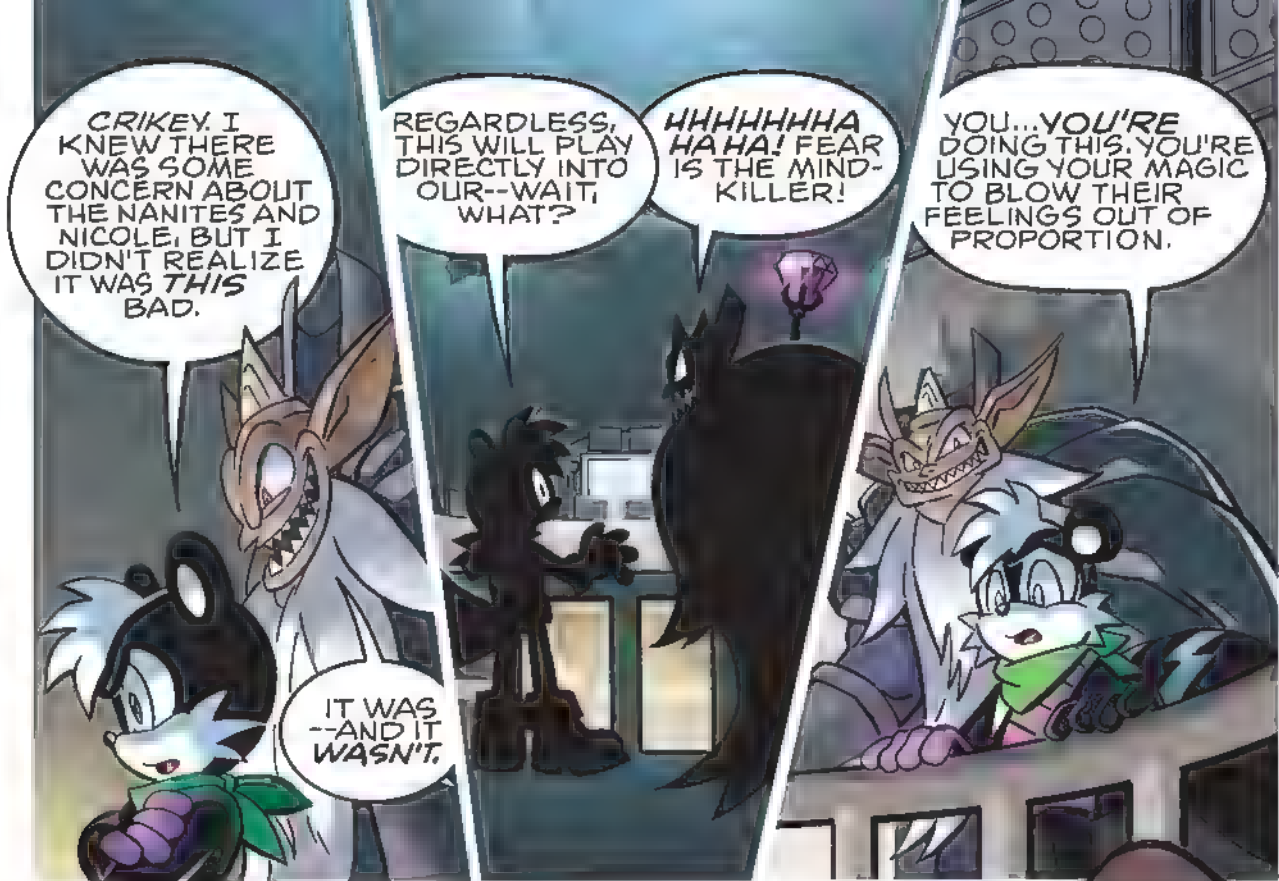
...NICOLE?

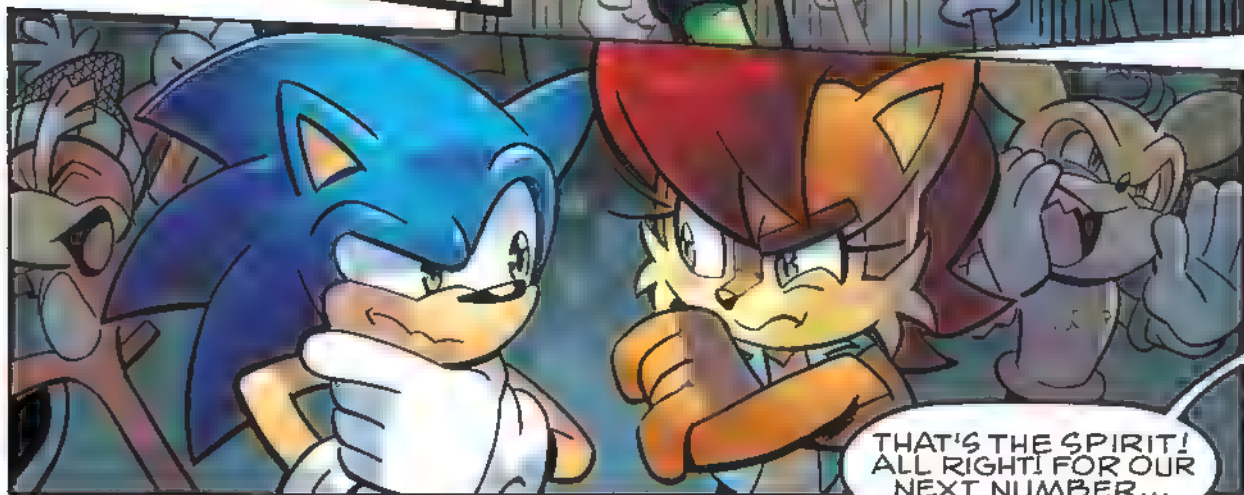
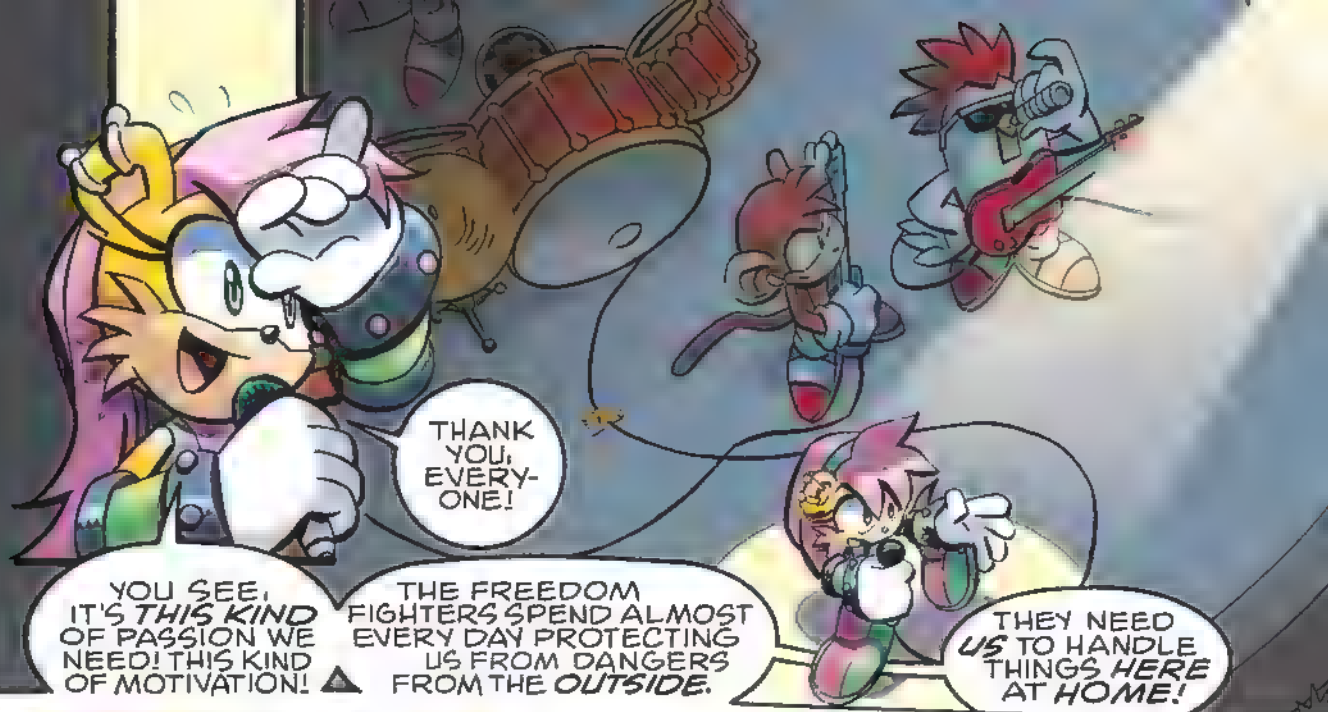
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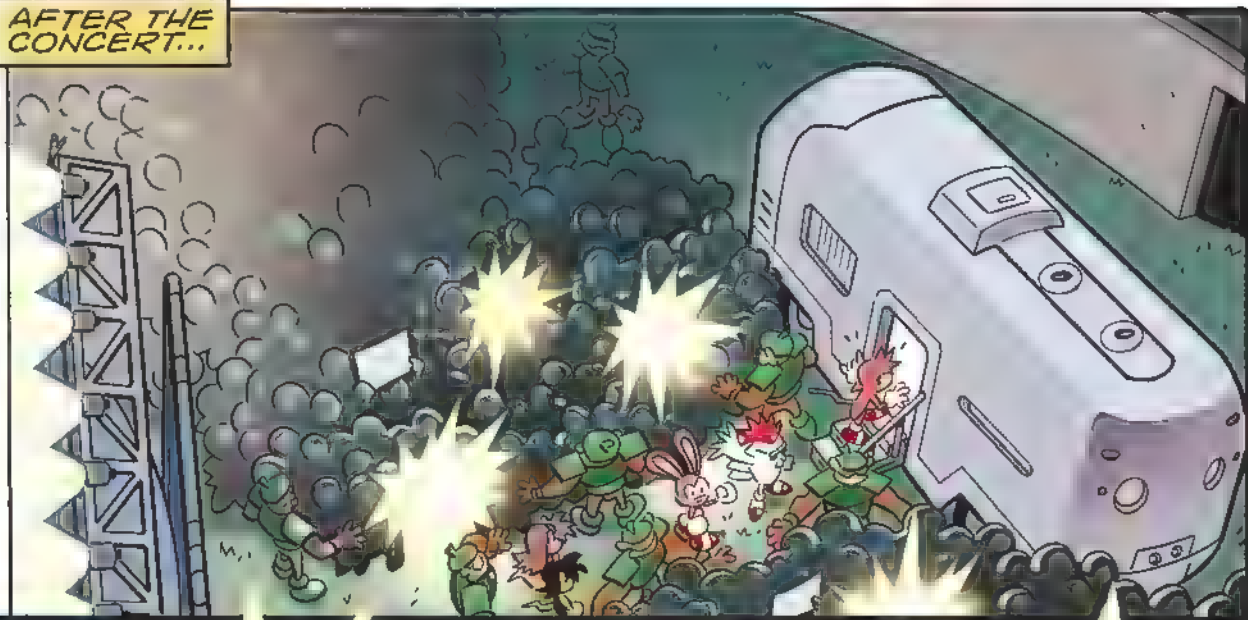
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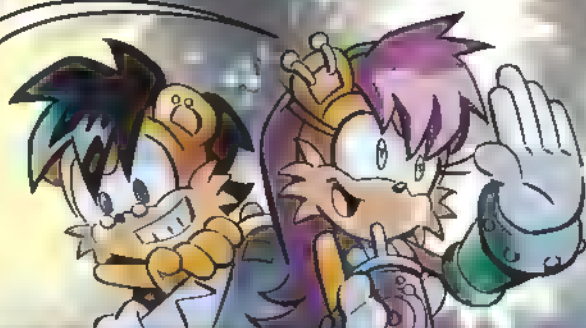




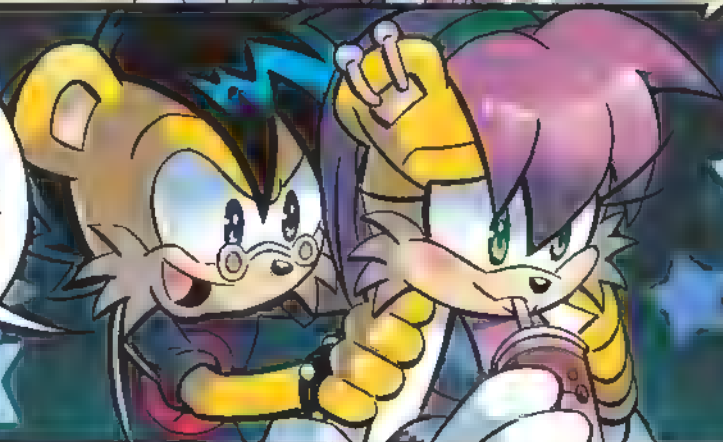
AFTER THE
CONCERT...



THANK
YOU! THANK
YOU! GOOD
NIGHT, EVERY-
BODY! THANKS
FOR COMING
OUT!

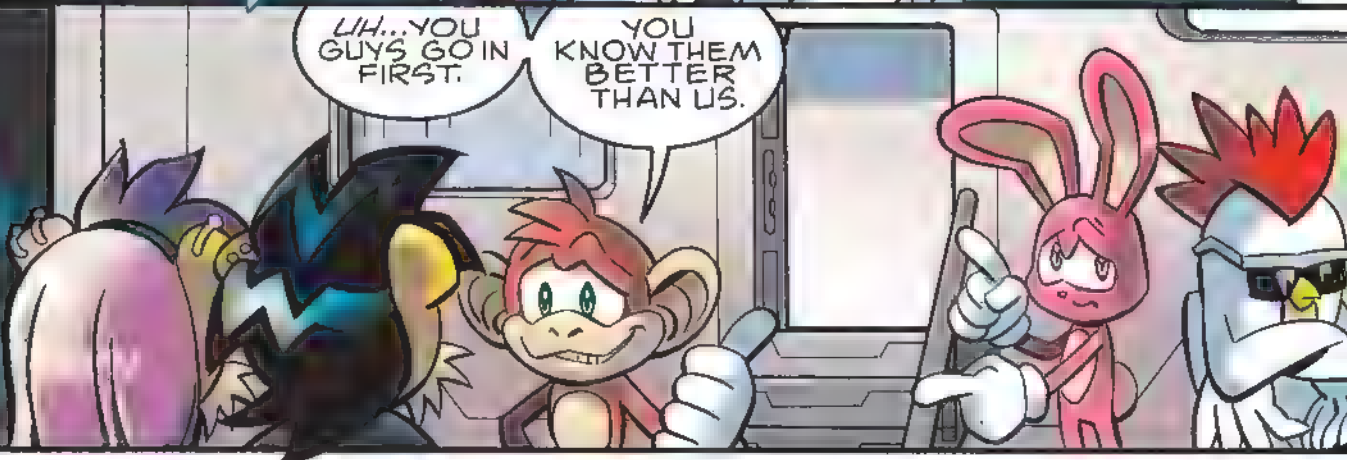


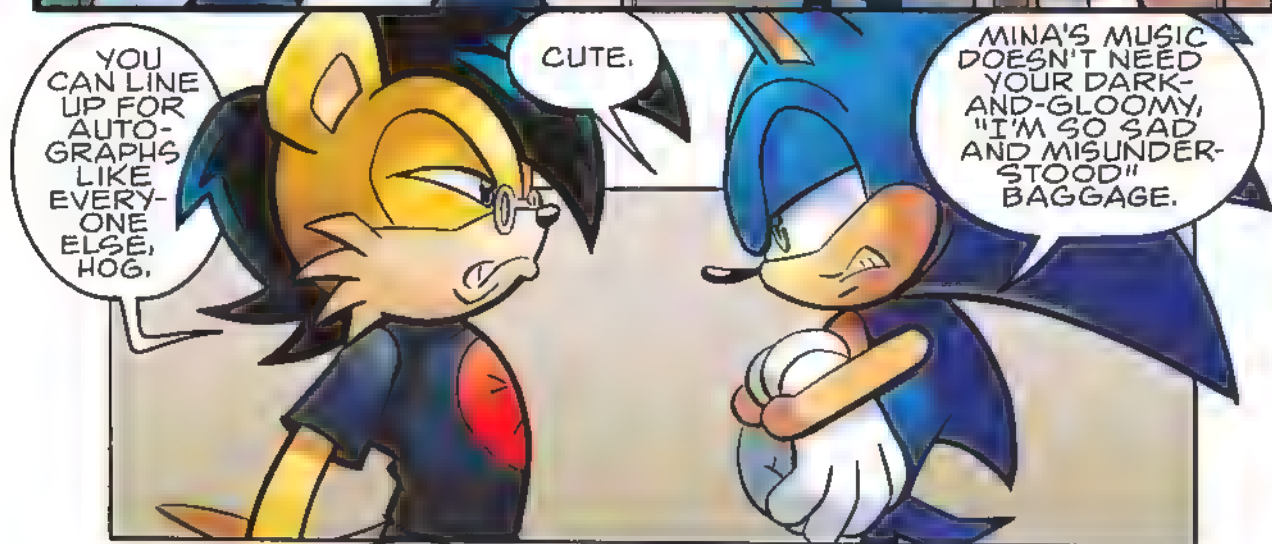
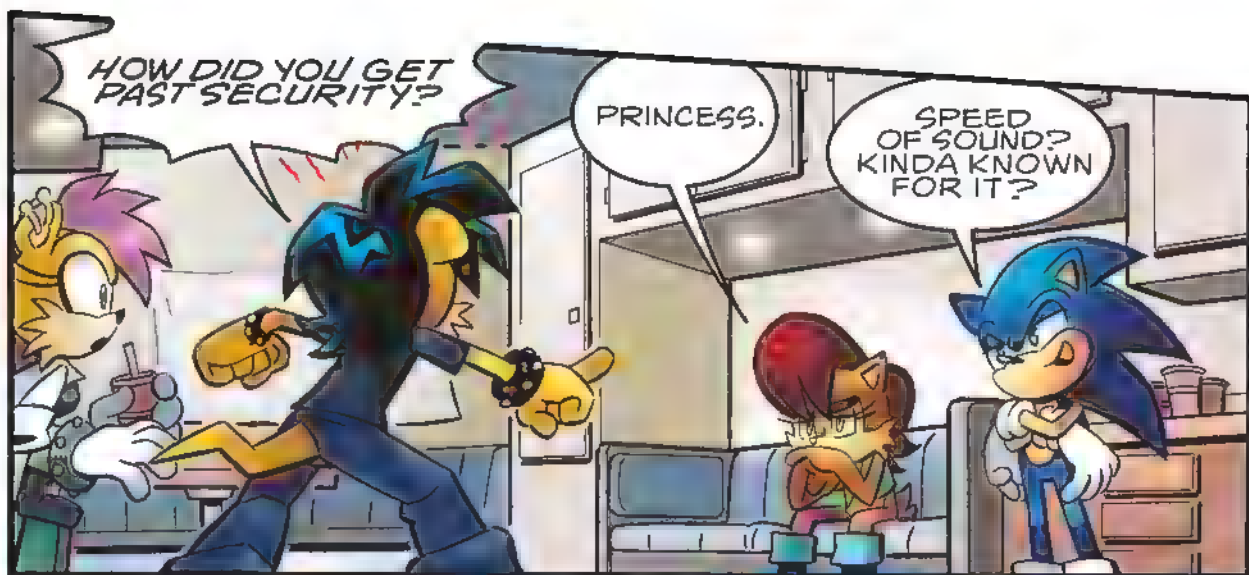
WHAT DID
I TELL YOU,
BABE?! YOU
WERE **GREAT!**
THEY ATE IT UP!
A COUPLE MORE
SHOWS HERE,
AND THEN
WE'LL HIT
THE ROAD
TO--



LIH...YOU
GUYS GO IN
FIRST.

YOU
KNOW THEM
BETTER
THAN US.





WHAT ABOUT YOU AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? BUNNIE, KHAN, AND NICOLE ALL GOT TURNED ON YOU! AND NICOLE RUNS THE CITY--/S THE CITY! HOW IS THAT "RESPONSIBLE"?!
WHILE YOU WERE HALF A WORLD AWAY...*

...WE WERE RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES! ANYWHERE WE HID COULD BE TURNED INTO A PRISON BY NICOLE!

*SEE SU ARC # 4--"JOURNEY TO THE EAST," SU #s 13-16.

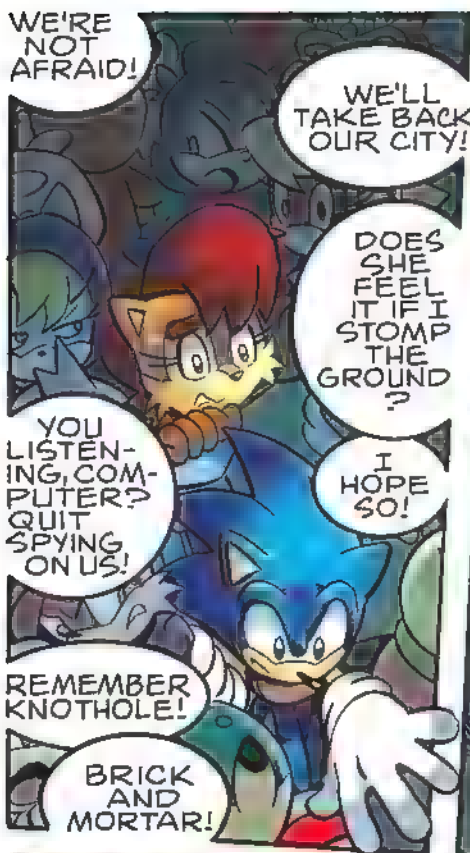
WHILE YOU TALKED POLITICS OVER THERE, I SAW PEOPLE LEGION-IZED HERE! SO DON'T YOU DARE TALK TO ME ABOUT "RESPONSIBILITY!"

SO WE SHOULD'VE STAYED AND BEEN CAUGHT, TOO?

SAVE IT, SONIC. BUT ONE THING ABOUT NICOLE, MINA...

SHE WAS IN FULL CONTROL WHILE WE WERE GONE, AND SHE KEPT UP THE ACT TO PROTECT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. SHE SAW ALL THE LEGIONIZING FIRST-HAND, AND SHE WAS AT YOUR CONCERT.





WE'RE NOT AFRAID!

WE'LL TAKE BACK OUR CITY!

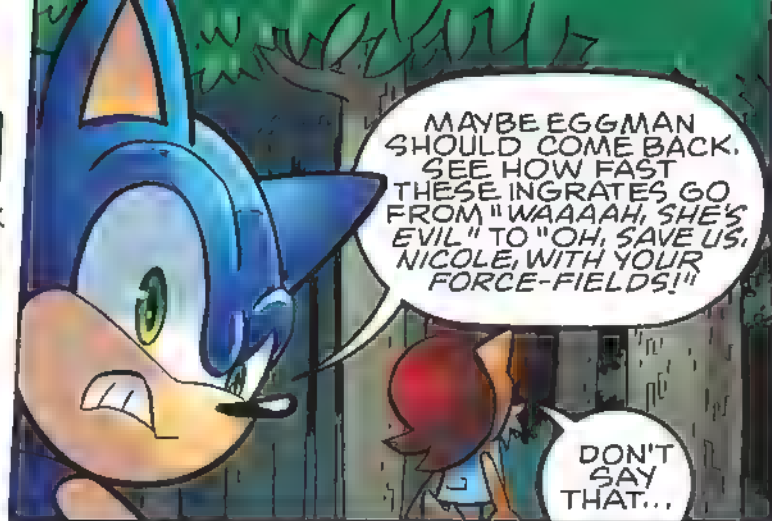
DOES SHE FEEL IT IF I STOMP THE GROUND?

I HOPE SO!

YOU LISTENING, COMPUTER? QUIT SPYING ON US!

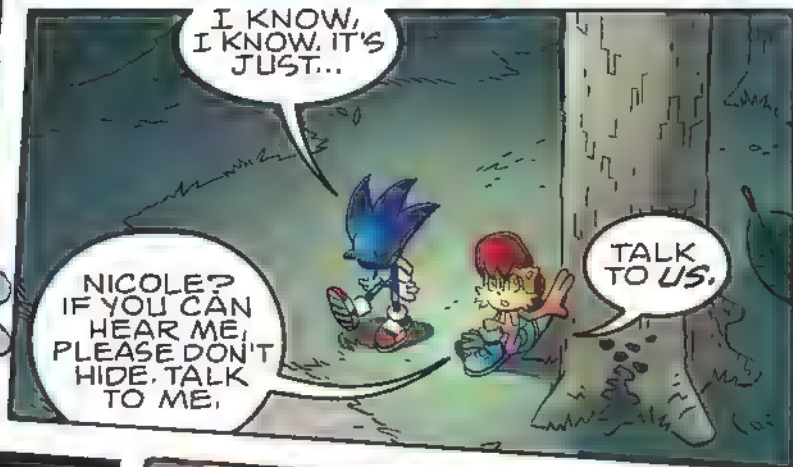
REMEMBER KNOTHOLE!

BRICK AND MORTAR!



MAYBE EGGMAN SHOULD COME BACK. SEE HOW FAST THESE INGRATES GO FROM "WAAAAH, SHE'S EVIL" TO "OH, SAVE US, NICOLE, WITH YOUR FORCE-FIELDS!"

DON'T SAY THAT...



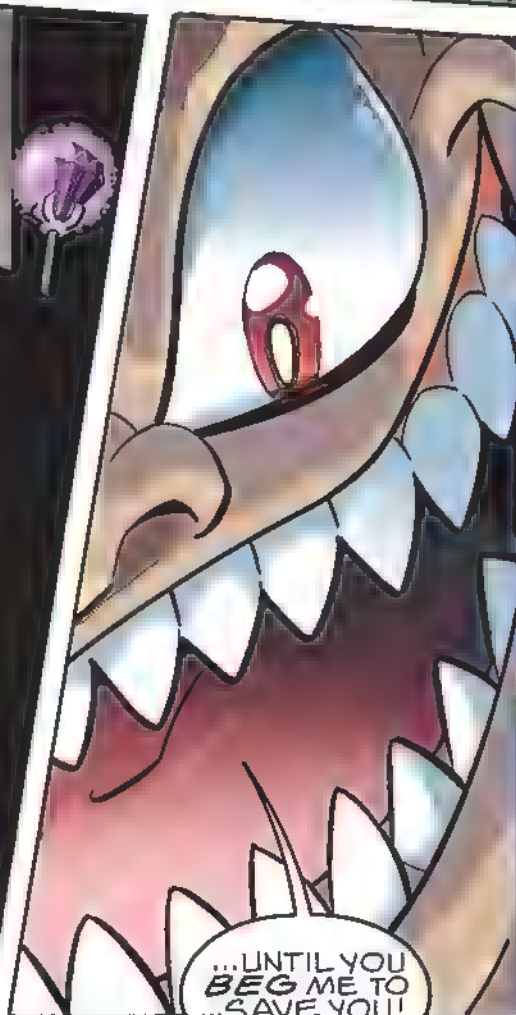
I KNOW, I KNOW. IT'S JUST...

NICOLE? IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, PLEASE DON'T HIDE. TALK TO ME!

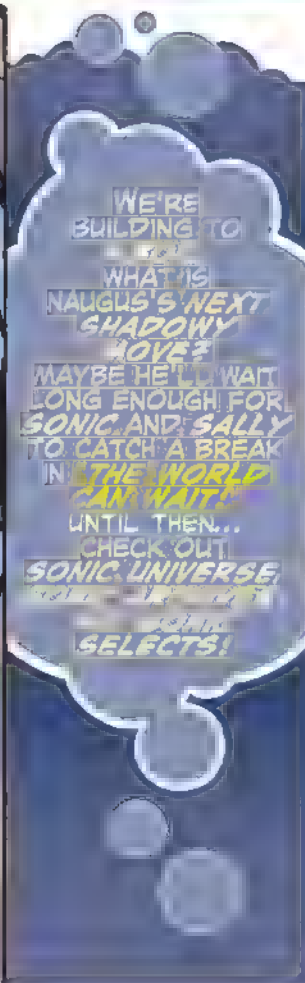
TALK TO US.

"WE'RE STILL YOUR FRIENDS."

FESTER IN YOUR FEAR, NEW MOBO-TROPOLIS. BATHE IN YOUR TERROR!



...UNTIL YOU BEG ME TO ...SAVE YOU!



WE'RE BUILDING TO
WHAT IS NAUGUS'S NEXT SHADOWY MOVE?
MAYBE HE'LL WAIT LONG ENOUGH FOR SONIC AND SALLY TO CATCH A BREAK IN THE WORLD CAN WAIT!
UNTIL THEN... CHECK OUT SONIC UNIVERSE
SONIC SELECTS!

SECOND IMPRESSIONS

PART ONE



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OH, I DID NOT REALIZE I HAD BEEN HERE THAT LONG.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF MINA'S SONG, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO GIVE YOU SOME TIME BEFORE VOICING MY CONCERN...

...AND I SUPPOSE ESPIO IS DOING THE SAME.

ESPIO?

YOU CERTAINLY KNOW A LOT FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN "MISSING" FOR SO LONG.

I HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO THE CITY'S NET-WORK. I COULD VIEW THE CONCERT--AND YOU COMING IN THE FRONT DOOR.

WHAT IS HE DOING HERE, NICOLE?!

SONIC AND TAILS RESCUED HIM!* WHEN SALLY FOUND OUT HE HAD BEEN LEFT FOR DEAD, SHE KNEW WE HAD TO SHOW HIM MERCY.

WHAT? WHAT DOES A VILLAIN AND A TRAITOR HAVE TO SAY TO ME?!

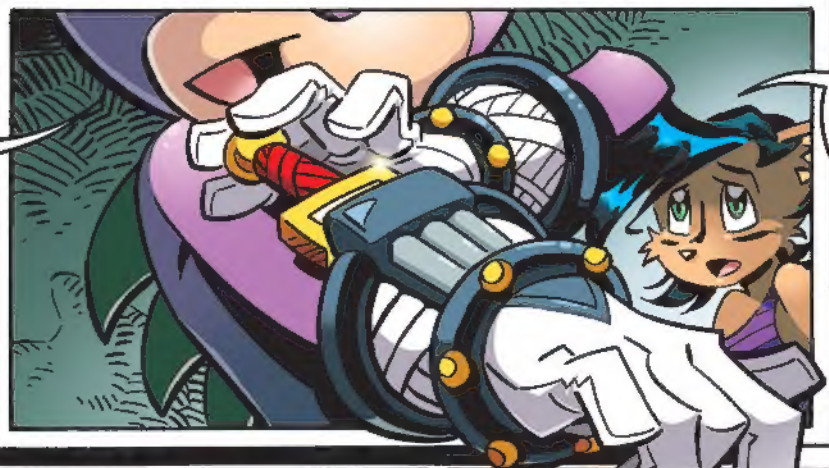
AND YOU WOULD KNOW NOTHING ABOUT BEING BRANDED A TRAITOR? HMM? NOW TELL ME-- DID YOU REALLY COME HERE TO THREATEN ME AND YELL AT NICOLE?

...NO.

*SEE STH #212.

ESPIO...

NICOLE,
I SAW YOU
RUN FROM
THE
CONCERT.
I... I CAME
TO SEE IF
YOU WERE
OKAY.



YOU
DID? BUT...
WHY?

BECAUSE YOU HELPED ME HELP
CHARMY.* AND BECAUSE THE IRON
DOMINION USED US BOTH, I JUST...
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE
EVERYONE'S TRUST.

OH...I-I MEANT...
HOW DID YOU KNOW
I WOULDN'T JUST
DISAPPEAR INTO
THE SYSTEM?

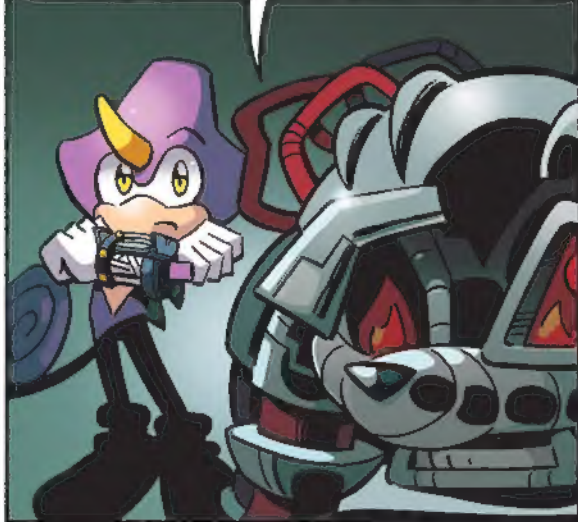
BECAUSE HE KNOWS YOU
ARE NO LONGER A MERE
PROGRAM, CHILD. A PRO-
GRAM WOULD NOT RUN
AWAY IN FEAR, OR WEEP
ON THE FLOOR. HE KNEW
WHERE HIS FRIEND THE
MOBIAN WOULD GO.



RIGHT OR NOT,
THIS IS DIMITRI.
NICOLE! HOW COULD
YOU NOT SAY SOME-
THING? DOES
KNUCKLES KNOW?

ONLY A
SELECT FEW
KNOW. HE'S
PREPARING
HIMSELF
TO FACE
KNUCKLES.

SHE'S BEING KIND. IN TRUTH, I
FEAR FACING HIM AT ALL. WE
HAVE BEEN SWORN ENEMIES
FOR A VERY LONG TIME... I--I
HAVE DONE HORRIBLE THINGS.
BUT ENOUGH ABOUT ME. I
WORRY FOR YOU, NICOLE.





I AM AT A LOSS, DIMITRI!

YOU LOST CONTROL OF ENORMOUS POWER BEFORE, DIMITRI. HOW DID YOU DEAL WITH THIS?

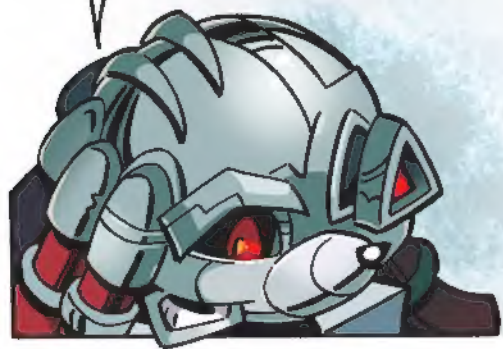
I MADE THIS CITY FOR THE PEOPLE! I MADE IT SO I COULD BE WITH THEM! INSTEAD, THEY THINK I WILL TRAP THEM WITH IT, OR WORSE.

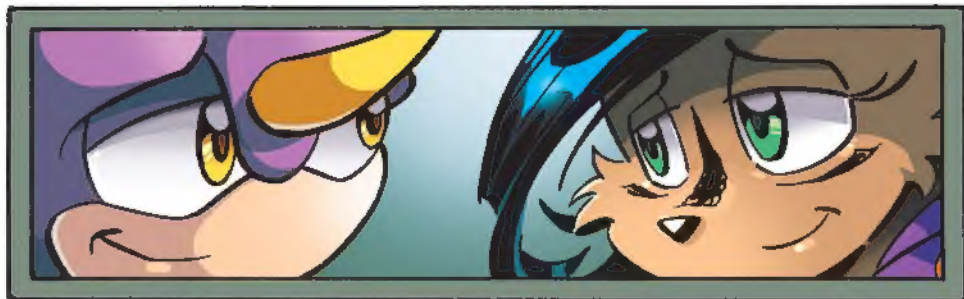
WHICH TIME DO YOU THINK SHE MEANS? WHEN YOU WERE ENERJAKI, OR WHEN YOU WERE GRAND-MASTER OF THE LEGION?

IN EITHER SCENARIO, I WAS TRYING TO EXERT MY WILL OVER REALITY, TO FORCE THINGS TO SUIT ME RATHER THAN DEAL WITH THEM AS THEY WERE.

AND NOW LOOK AT ME. NEVER TO BE WITH MY FAMILY AGAIN. MY PEOPLE LED ASTRAY BY MY OWN SON. MY LEGACY ATWISTED, WRETCHED THING SERVING THE EGGMAN EMPIRE.

I WAS SELFISH. YOU TWO HAVE SOMETHING THAT I HAD IGNORED...





YOU HAVE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF OTHERS. FRIENDS WHO WILL SEEK YOU OUT TO HELP YOU...

NICOLE, YOU MUST BE BRAVE AND FACE THE PUBLIC'S SCORN. THEY CAN NOT HATE A FACELESS MONSTER OF THE SHADOWS WHEN SHE STANDS UP TO THEM WITH REASON.



THOUGH... IT IS ONE THING TO SPEAK OF COURAGE. IT'S ANOTHER TO POSSESS IT. I'M AFRAID YOU TWO MUST LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

THANK YOU, DIMITRI. YOU CAN REST HERE UNTIL YOU ARE READY.



I WILL NEVER BE "READY," CHILD. ESPIO, I KNOW IT IS A LOT FOR ME TO ASK YOU FOR ANYTHING, BUT WOULD YOU ARRANGE A MEETING WITH KNUCKLES FOR ME?



WELL... I'M IN NO POSITION TO DENY SOMEONE A SECOND CHANCE. I'LL TALK TO KNUX, IF YOU'LL COME WITH ME.



OF COURSE. I'LL HELP EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.

NEXT TIME

--KNUCKLES COMES FACE-TO-FACE WITH HIS OLDEST AND MOST PERSONAL FOE! WILL IT END IN PEACE--OR **PIECES?** SEE YOU NEXT TIME!